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1. HERewith FULL TEXT MICHAEL KAUFMAN ARTICLE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY, MAY 15 HEADED "U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA IS UNDER REVIEW; SYMBOLIC AND PUNITIVE OPTIONS ARE ON THE AGENDA."
2. THE UNITED STATES IS REVIEWING A SERIES OF POSSIBLE STRATEGIES -- SOME SYMBOLIC AND SOME PUNITIVE -- THAT WOULD SIGNAL TO SOUTH AFRICA JUST HOW STRONGLY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN RACIAL POLICIES.
3. THOSE MEASURES, AS OUTLINED BY SEVERAL STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MEETING HERE, INCLUDE THE WITHDRAWAL OF UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ATTACHES FROM PRETORIA, THE SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL, THE ENDING OF EXCHANGES OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION, THE REDUCTION OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK GUARANTEES FOR INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND DENIAL OF PERMISSION FOR VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES BY CERTAIN SOUTH AFRICANS JUST AS CERTAIN AMERICANS HAVE BEEN DENIED ENTRY TO SOUTH AFRICA.

4. A SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TAKING PART IN FOUR DAYS OF MEETINGS HERE CONCEDED THAT SUCH OPTIONS AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHERS THAT HE WOULD NOT SPECIFY HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF WILLIAM E. SCHAUFLE JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THESE "PRESSURE POINTS" WERE CONTINGENCY PLANS AT THE MOMENT AND THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THEY WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IN VIENNA NEXT THURSDAY BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA. (HOWEVER, OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON EXPECT MR. MONDALE TO TELL MR. VORSTER THAT AMERICAN-SOUTH AFRICAN AMITY IS CONTINGENT ON A SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION OF APARTHEID, OR SEPARATION OF THE RACES.)

5. THE VIENNA MEETING, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL WILL BE THE CLEAREST SIGNAL TO DATE OF THE IMPORTANCE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES NOT ONLY TO THE POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND SOUTHWEST AFRICA BUT ALSO TO THE NEED FOR SERIOUS CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE RESULTS OF THE VIENNA MEETING MAY BE DECISIVE, THE OFFICIAL ADDED.

6. WHAT WAS UNDERScoreD BY SEVERAL OF THE 35 AMERICAN AMBASSADORS AT THE CONFERENCE WAS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD MOVED BEYOND CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID TO THE FORMULATION OF AN ACTIVE POLICY.

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7. BOTH ANDREW YOUNG, REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE HAVE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NO LONGER COMMITTED TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY PURSUED WHEN HENRY A. KISSINGER WAS SECRETARY OF STATE. UNDER HIS APPROACH THE UNITED STATES AGREED, IN EFFECT, TO LIMIT ITS PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO LARGELY PHILOSOPHICAL CRITICISM IN EXCHANGE FOR MR. VORSTER'S COOPERATION WITH REGARD TO RHODESIA AND SOUTH-WEST AFRICA. NOW, AS EXPLAINED BY OFFICIALS AT THE ENVOYS' MEETING, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NO LONGER WILLING TO HOLD BACK ON SOUTH AFRICA IN THE HOPE OF OBTAINING ACTION ON MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND A NEW STATUS FOR SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

8. "IT MEANS THERE IS FINALLY GOING TO BE SOME STICK INSTEAD OF CARROT," SAID AN AMERICAN ENVOY AFTER HE HAD MET WITH MR. YOUNG. THE ENVOY, ONE WHO FOR SOME TIME HAS ADVOCATED A MORE AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD

SOUTH AFRICA, ADDED: "WE'RE DEFINITELY MOVING FROM STYLE TO SUBSTANCE. YOU'LL SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN A MONTH'S TIME. EACH SIGNAL MAY BE A LITTLE THING, BUT YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER AND IT'S NO LITTLE THING."

9. THE SENIOR OFFICIAL WHO HAD CONCEDED THAT PRESSURE POINTS WERE BEING CONSIDERED CAUTIONED AGAINST ANY ASSUMPTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD LOOSE A BARRAGE OF PUNITIVE MEASURES. DESPITE SUCH ADMONITIONS THE PREVAILING MOOD OF THE ENVOYS' MEETING WAS THAT THEY WERE EMBARKING ON AN EXCITING JOURNEY. WHILE SOME DIPLOMATS SPOKE PRIVATELY OF THEIR BEWILDERMENT AT HOW POLICY WAS BEING EVOLVED AND BY WHOM, OTHERS EXPRESSED DELIGHT AT THE NEW CANDOR IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND EVEN AT THE OUTSPOKENNESS OF MR. YOUNG, WHOM SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS DESCRIBED AS BRINGING VITAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS INTO FOCUS AND INTO PUBLIC DEBATE.

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10. MR. YOUNG, WHO WILL BE GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA ON A "PRIVATE VISIT," GENTLY CHIDED THE UNITED STATES PRESS, WHICH HAS CRITICIZED SOME OF HIS POSITIONS. THE PRESS HAS NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE CHANGES UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID, ADDING, "THEIR MINDSET IS STILL IN THE KISSINGER ADMINISTRATION."

11. MR. YOUNG MADE HIS COMMENTS DURING A TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH IVORIAN JOURNALISTS AFTER HE HAD MET FOR TWO HOURS WITH PRESIDENT FELIX HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, ONE OF AFRICA'S MOST CONSERVATIVE AND PRO-WESTERN LEADERS.

12. IN THE INTERVIEW MR. YOUNG DECLARED: "THERE WILL ALWAYS BE TENSION BETWEEN ME AND SOUTH AFRICA SO LONG AS THE LEVEL OF INJUSTICE THERE IS AS HIGH AS IT IS. BUT I THINK IT IS A HEALTHY TENSION. THE TENSION IS A RESULT OF THE COMMITMENT I HAVE THAT MAJORITY RULE IS BOTH NECESSARY AND POSSIBLE."

13. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE AGREED WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY THAT THERE MUST BE DIALOGUE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. THE IVORY COAST LEADER, DESPITE THE SCORN OF MORE RADICAL AFRICAN STATES, RESPONDED TO MR. VORSTER'S NOW-MORIBUND POLITICS OF "DETENTE AND DIALOGUE," THROUGH WHICH HE HOPED TO BUILD BRIDGES OF DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION WITH BLACK AFRICA.

14. MR. YOUNG TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE TELEVISION INTERVIEW TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE 72-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT, SAYING, "I REALLY COUNTED IT A PRIVILEGE TO SIT AT HIS

FEET AND SHARE IN HIS WISDOM." MR. YOUNG SAID HE HAD
BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN
THIS COUNTRY, WHICH HE SAW YESTERDAY ON A TRIP TO
YAMASSOUKRO, THE PRESIDENT'S HOME TOWN, WHERE A VAST
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MODEL FARM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. MR. YOUNG SAID HE TOLD
HIS HOST "THAT COMPARED TO YAMASSOUKRO, PLAINS IS AN
UNDEVELOPED AREA." (END TEXT.) CHRISTOPHER

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